

St. Monica Church



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Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Rosary 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Wed & Fri.
9:00 a.m.

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Matthew 10:37-42



You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
announce the praises of Him who called you out of
darkness into His wonderful light.

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When the woman had been called and stood at the door,
Elisha promised, "This time next year
you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kgs 4:15-16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

We were indeed buried with him through baptism
into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Gospel:

Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

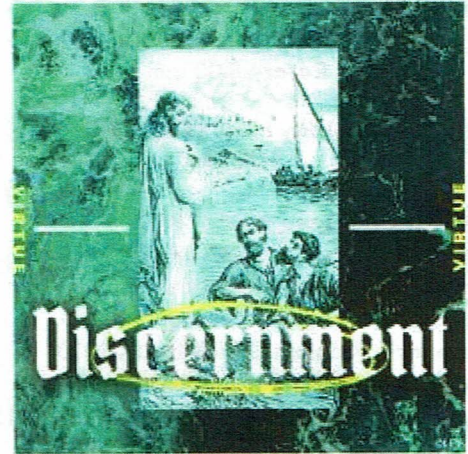
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ's name
receives Christ. Whoever loves the Word of God
loves God Himself. Who is Christ sending to you
in his name this week? What Word do they speak
into the stillness of your soul? Receive them.
Receive him.

Observances for the week of June 28, 2026

- Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday: *Independence Day*
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go — he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea; the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment.

Blessing for Marriage

Dear Jesus,
Bless the married couples in our community and grow their bonds of love for each other. Give them the grace to share minds, hearts, dreams, growth, challenges, and strength in every season of life. Make them a sturdy shelter for each other, a place to find comfort and rest.
Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bedrock at St. Augustine Sunday:

After Mass, **Bedrock** (Ascension St. John) will be offering blood pressure checks and information/sign-ups for a free heart screening.

After 10:30 Mass and After 12:30 Mass

June 30

Recipes sharing night at St. Monica at 6 pm

July 2

The Centennial Celebration Committee 5:30pm

July 3

Dinner with Fr. C at 6pm

July 6 to 9

Priests Conference in Wheeling
(No morning Mass)

July 14

The Centennial Celebration Committee 5:30pm

July 16

Finance Council Meeting at St. Monica at 5pm

July 17

Dinner with Fr. C

July 18

Bedrock is hosting a mobile clinic at St. Augustine's
Community is welcome
7am - 1pm

July 28

Cornhole Tournament - TBA

July 30

The Centennial Celebration Committee 5:30pm

August 8

70th Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters

August 9

Bake Sale by the Legacy Committee

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Dinner with Fr C

July 3 and 17. Kindly sign up.

Menu...

Veggie Tray, Salad, Pork chop or Chicken Cacciatore, sweet potato, jollof rice, moimoi and fruits.

Instructions:

4 sign-ups from St. A and 4 sign-ups from St. M.
(Total 16)

Each person must bring a family member, friend, who may have disconnected from the church or is thinking about becoming Catholic.

A great time to build up and strengthen relationships and pray for one another.

Thank you. Fr

The North Tulsa Learning Center

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Year 6 starts September 1, 2026! The North Tulsa Learning Center (NTLC) continues to be an innovative partnership between St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic parishes and Bishop Kelley High School. The BK students and faculty tutor kids focusing on reading and math. Adult volunteers are needed to provide support. You don't have to tutor but just be present. It is a true blessing to watch the tutors and students interact in a positive and fun environment. The NTLC is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6 pm at St. Augustine Religious Education Center. You can volunteer for as little as an hour a shift. Contact at Jennifer at Jthomasamos@rocketmail.com to sign-up. Volunteer and be part of something special.

October 17 - 18

St. Monica Catholic Church Celebrating 100 Years
Events leading up to the Celebration!

See flyer in email and on bulletin board

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 5, 2026

LECTORS -

Liz Brown

Donnetta Laws

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

June 21, 2026 \$ 855.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults 57

Youth 6

MASS INTENTIONS

1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MASS, IN MEMORY OF
MAXINE STALEY

4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MASS, IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. C. Y. GIBBS

ST. MONICA

ST. AUGUSTINE

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

Princetta Newman, Charles Towns Jr., Rachel Stake,
Idella Miller, Norma Stripling, Patricia Lyons, James
Jones, Billie Clark, Deacon Steve, Joselinn Fuselier,
Melvin Noble, Sr., Gloria Petit, Johnny Towns, David
Towns, Steven Bagby, Doris Minter-Littles, Paul
McCurtain, Mario Holman, William Holman, Keith
Thierry

******* PARISH NEWS *******

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg
Closed for Summer

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg
Closed for Summer

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15am
St. Monica Bradley Hall
The Book of Joshua

NAMI

National Alliance of Mental Illness
St. Augustine Parish - CCD
4th Monday 6 - 7:30pm

**Senior Saints Mass
And Potluck Luncheon**

Every 4th Wednesday 12 noon
Bradley Hall
See sign up sheet

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 5, 2026

LECTORS -

Cheryl Fuselier

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

JUNE 21, 2026 \$1,232.50

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 48

YOUTH 8

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS 80

YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - JUNE 21, 2026

ST. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 59,174

REMAINING: \$ 40,826

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,534

REMAINING: \$ 33,466

RCIA

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Wed 6 - 7:30pm St. Monica in person/Zoom*

SPANISH CLASS

St. Monica - Tuesday 6-7:30pm

St. Augustine - Saturday 12-2pm

July 11, 25

Aug 8, 22

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM – Call the Parish at 587-2965

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION– Celebrated once a year. Call the Parish

RECONCILIATION – Sunday before Mass or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE – A minimum of six months preparation is required. Call the Pastor before the date is set.

VISITATION OF THE SICK – The last Friday of each month

COMMUNION TO THE SICK – In the event of illness, please contact the Pastor. Eucharist is brought to shut-ins weekly. Please call the Pastor if you know of someone unable to attend Mass.

VOCATIONS – Anyone interest in becoming a Priest, Deacon or Lay Minister. Contact the Pastor

OTHER INFORMATION

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If interested in becoming Catholic, contact the Parish

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME! Please register in the Church by contacting an usher

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m.– 7:30p.m. from September to May @ St. Augustine.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – Please submit bulletin announcements to the office before noon on Tuesdays at least two weeks prior to your scheduled event.

Send electronically to stmonicachurch@aol.com

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

In today's Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus speaks bluntly to his apostles about the cost of discipleship.

Those are challenging words. Is Jesus saying that we should not love our family? Certainly not. Rather, he is using dramatic language to make a teaching point: those who are called to be his disciples must place him at the center of their lives. Love for Christ becomes our first love, the compass that guides every other relationship.

This commitment is not merely emotional. It is expressed in the willingness to take up our cross and follow him. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The Cross becomes the measure of discipleship. Whenever we choose generosity over selfishness, forgiveness over resentment, or faith over fear, we participate in the life of Christ. Even our sufferings, united to his, become a pathway to deeper communion with God.

Does this mean that following Jesus is simply a life of sacrifice? On the surface, it may seem that way. Yet today's Gospel reveals another side of discipleship: trust in God's providence.

Jesus continues:

Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me... Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

The disciple who gives everything for Christ discovers that Christ provides through the kindness of others. God's care often arrives through ordinary acts of hospitality, generosity, and compassion.

This truth is beautifully illustrated in today's First Reading from the Second Book of Kings. A woman of influence and her husband welcome the prophet Elisha into their home, providing room and board simply because they recognize him as "a holy man of God." They seek no reward for their kindness. Yet Elisha learns that the couple has no child, and he promises them that within a year they will hold a son in their arms. Their hospitality becomes the doorway through which God's blessing enters their lives.

Thus, our response to the Lord's call is always communal. We are called to welcome others and treat them as we would welcome Christ himself. We depend upon one another's gifts, encouragement, and care as we follow Christ together.

The difficult path of discipleship is never meant to be walked alone. Like the harmony of a choir, discipleship is never a solo performance. We depend upon one another's gifts, encouragement, and care as we follow Christ together. Along the way, God places people in our lives who offer encouragement, support, and sometimes even that simple "cup of cold water" that restores our strength.

In 1873, a young Belgian priest named Father Damien volunteered to serve at the isolated leper colony on Molokai, Hawaii. He lived among the outcasts of society, dressing their wounds, building homes, and caring for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. He knew that this calling would likely cost him his life.

After eleven years of ministry, Father Damien contracted leprosy himself. One Sunday, he began his homily with two simple words: "We lepers..."

His congregation immediately understood. The priest who had come to serve them had become one with them.

Jesus said, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Father Damien's life reminds us that true discipleship is not about seeking suffering. It is about loving Christ so completely that we are willing to go wherever he leads. And when we do, we discover that the Cross is not the end of the journey.

On the other side of sacrifice lies the abundant life that only God can give.
Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let us Pray.

Lord Jesus,
grant me the strength and grace to carry my cross
with faith, patience, and love,
just as You carried Yours
for my salvation.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday:

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:

Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday:

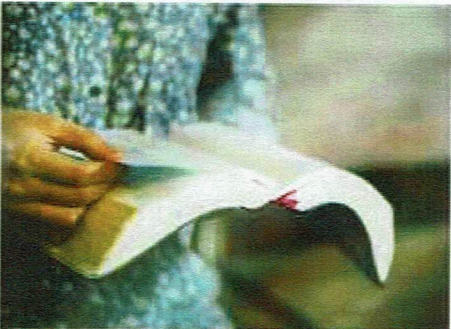
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday:

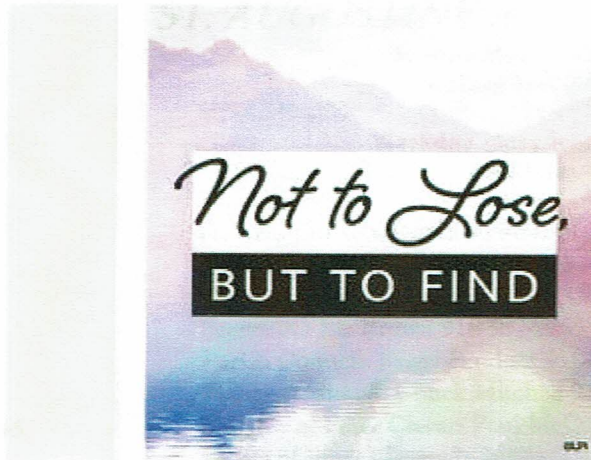
Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."** (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self; all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— *Father John Muir*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Mary Rogers
James & Colleen Brooks
James & Ruth Sayles
Carmel & J.C. Thompson
Willie & Dorothy Wilson
Geraldine Jones
Shamika Figures

Gwen Monteilh Hammons
Robert Musgrove
James Madison & Espize Thierry Brooks
Gary Randolph Davis
Carmel Dennard
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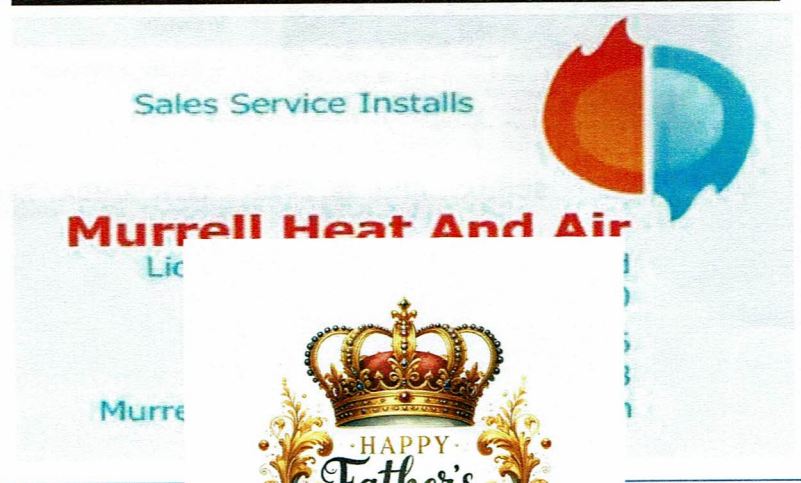
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